LGA: Overwhelming majority of councils want hybrid meeting powers

A new survey by the LGA to make the second anniversary of the closing of the Government's call for evidence has found that there is still overwhelming support for councils to be allowed to use virtual meeting options for council meetings.

95 per cent supported the return of powers to councils to decide for themselves whether or not to use virtual and hybrid meeting technologies for council meetings. In addition, one in 10 councils had had a councillor voluntarily step down because of the in-person meeting requirement and nine in 10 councils said they have disabled councillors who would use virtual attendance as a reasonable adjustment. The majority also said they have councillors who would use virtual attendance to manage clashes with work, childcare and other care commitments.

Best, Dan

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